GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:933
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USE OF EARTHQUAKE RESISTANCE TECHNIQUE
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to make the earthquake resistance technique compulsory for construction of buildings;

(b) if so, the parts of the country in which this provision is likely to be made compulsory;

(c) whether the Union Government also propose to ban the substandard building material for construction and make compulsory the use of `A` grade building material; and

(d) if not the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): The Government of India has advised all State Governments to make earthquake resistant technology a compulsory part of all building regulations.

(b): All State Governments and Union Territories have already been advised to make these provisions compulsory.

(c)&(d): Since housing is a State subject, necessary action is to be taken by the State Governments to follow the specifications and standards for building materials for construction of houses, as formulated by Bureau of Indian Standards. However, Government of India has advised all States & Union Territories to scrupulously adhere to BIS regulations.